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PT REFERRAL

Why it Matters



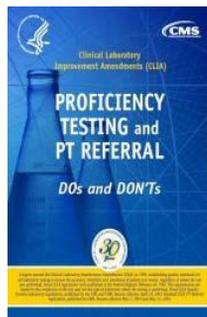
Proficiency testing (PT) is the testing of unknown samples sent to a laboratory by a CMS-approved PT program. PT referral is where one laboratory refers their PT samples to another laboratory for testing. PT is important because it is a tool the laboratory can use to verify the accuracy and reliability of its testing.

PT is required for non-waived testing found in Subpart I of the CLIA regulations. PT is not required for waived testing but **IF A LABORATORY ENROLLS IN PT FOR WAIVED TESTING, ALL REGULATIONS RELATED TO PT REFERRAL APPLY.**

Laboratories that receive PT samples from another lab are required to report the incident to the CLIA State Agency. **DO NOT TEST THE SAMPLES.** Refer to the PT brochure below for the three categories for PT referral.

PT results should **NEVER** be sent to another laboratory **BEFORE OR AFTER** the PT event cut-off date.

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